**Exclusive Partner:** 



THE HONG KONG VIRTUOSO CHORUS



2026

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

19 - 23 AUGUST





## INTRODUCTION TO MALAYSIAN CHORAL EISTEDDFOD

The Malaysian Choral Eisteddfod (MCE) International Choir Festival, organised by the Young Choral Academy, is recognised as one of Malaysia's most significant choral events. It provides an all-inclusive platform for singers, conductors, and educators to partake in competitions, workshops, and concerts led by distinguished international choral clinicians. The Festival has grown into a prominent fixture in the Southeast Asian choral calendar, fostering a collaborative environment where local and international choirs can exchange ideas and experiences.

In line with its mission to advance artistic standards, the MCE continues to be a partner competition of the Asia Choral Grand Prix circuit, providing winners with the opportunity to compete on a larger regional stage.

#### Susanna Saw

Founder & Artistic Director of MCE Advisory Board of INTERKULTUR and CHORALSPACE, Germany.



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# ARTISTIC PANEL



Susanna Saw **Artistic Director** 



Andrea Angelini



Beverly Shangkuan-Cheng



Charles Beale United Kingdom



Chen Tao China



**Dinar Primasti** Indonesia



Gene Peterson



Jaymin Baird Canada





Jeroen Keymeulen Jonas Rasmussen



Josu Elberdin



Koh Tian Yi



Lee Shiak Yao Malaysia



Liu Wen Chin Malaysia/USA



Roni Sugiarto Indonesia



Sanders Lau Hong Kong

# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday 19 Aug	Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Dinner		
Thursday 20 Aug	Competition		
	Masterclass, Workshop, Friendship Concerts & School Visits		
Friday 21 Aug	Competition		
	Masterclass, Workshop, Friendship Concerts & School Visits		
Saturday 22 Aug	Competition		
	Masterclass, Workshop, Friendship Concerts & School Visits		Gala Concert
Sunday 23 Aug	Award Closing Ceremony	Grand Prix	uexplesui Seslion





Inspired performances to kick off the Festival



## Choral Competiton + Meet the Jury

A variety of categories offered to ensure competing choirs have a rewarding experience and gain valuable insights into choral singing.



panel, who provide guidance and developmental feedback



#### **Concerts**

Performance at friendship concerts in the spirit of cultural exchange and attending the grand gala concert celebrating the collective success of MCE







#### Workshops

Educational sessions on various topics led by choral experts



#### Conductor Hangout

Networking and insights sharing with fellow conductors



#### **Grand Prix**

Category winners compete for the Grand Prix Award, and the winner will enter the 6th Asia Choral Grand Prix in Manila, Philippines in 2027

## EXCLUSIVE PROGRAMMES FOR HONG KONG & MACAU CHOIRS

We are excited to offer exclusive opportunities for Hong Kong & Macau choirs through the Hong Kong Virtuoso Chorus, MCE's exclusive partner in Hong Kong and Macau:

- Concert Featuring Hong Kong & Macau Choirs: Performance by all Hong Kong & Macau choirs at one of Malaysia's signature venues
- Customised Workshops for Teachers: Professional development sessions designed exclusively for Hong Kong & Macau educators
- Exchange Sessions: Collaboration with Malaysian school choirs under the guidance of a member of our artistic panel
- School Visits: Cultural exchanges and joint performances with local schools
- MV Production: Professional music video production available at an additional cost

### COMPETITION

- ONE (1) Competition entry
- ONE (1) Choir Clinic Session by the HKICF2026 Artistic Panel before departure from HK
- ONE (1) Rehearsal (Duration: 1 hr)

## NON COMPETITION PACKAGE

- ONE (1) Masterclass by the MCE2026 Artistic Panel
- ONE (1) Performance at one friendship concert
- ONE (1) School Choir Exchange with a local school
- Welcome dinner for all choir members
- Tickets to attend the Opening Ceremony, Festival Concerts, and Grand Prix
- Access to competitions and friendship concerts (subject to seat availability)
- Choir Liaison Officer's support throughout the event
- Programme book and festival souvenir bag for each participant
- Certificate for each participant

## FESTIVAL TIMELINE

Early Bird Registration: Until 31 January 2026 10% discount on the package fee Normal
Registration:
1 February –
31 March 2026

Registration
Deadline:
31 March 2026

Last day to confirm competition details:

1 July 2026

(repertoire, performance order, number of participants etc.)

Submission of flight details & rooming list:
By 1 July 2026

Individual schedule: 2 weeks to 1 month before the Festival

### **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

By 31 January 2026 50% of the Event Package By 30 June 2026 50% of the Event Package

### NORMAL REGISTRATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

By 31 March 2026 50% of the Event Package By 30 June 2026 50% of the Event Package

